

NEBRASKA STATE RACING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: July 31, 2019

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Fonner Park Café
700 E Stolley Park Rd
Grand Island NE

PRESENT COMMISSIONERS:

Dennis P. Lee Chairman
Janell Beveridge Vice Chairperson
Jeffrey Galyen Commissioner
Helen Abbott Feller Commissioner (joined at 2:16 pm)
Thomas Patterson Commissioner

ABSENT:

Chm. Lee convened the meeting at 1:38 pm in compliance with the provision of Neb. Rev. Stat. 84-1411. Notice of the meeting was published in the Lincoln Journal Star. In addition, copies of such notice were sent to those on the Racing Commission agenda mailing list. Notification was given to the public of the open meetings law and notification to its location for public view.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS – Galyen moved, seconded by Beveridge to approve the minutes from May 24, 2019. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen and Patterson. Motion carried.

Chm. Lee moved, seconded by Beveridge to approve the May and June 2019 financial reports. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen and Patterson. Motion carried.

Chm. Lee notified the racing industry that Bruce Swihart has retired. He also thanked Bruce for his commitment, leadership and dedication to the industry along with recommending Bruce be nominated to the Hall of Fame.

APPROVAL OF SIMULCAST APPLICATIONS SINCE MAY 24, 2019 – Beveridge moved, seconded by Galyen to approve the simulcast applications received. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen and Patterson. Motion carried.

FONNER PARK – HISTORIC HORSE RACING – COMMISSION DECISION

Chm. Lee moved, seconded by Beveridge to postpone this item until later in the meeting. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen and Patterson. Motion carried.

COLUMBUS EXPOSITION & RACING REQUEST TO CHANGE LIVE RACE DAYS

This item has been approved via email. Galyen moved, seconded by Patterson to ratify the prior approval and to allow Columbus to reduce their number of live race days from 14 to 11. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen and Patterson. Motion carried.

COLUMBUS EXPOSITION & RACING POST TIME, OFFICIALS, TAKEOUTS

Chm. Lee moved, seconded by Galyen to approve the 6:30 pm post time on Fridays and Saturdays and 2:00 pm post time on Sundays and Labor Day, the 2019 racing officials and the 2019 takeout rates. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen and Patterson. Motion carried.

OMAHA EXPOSITION & RACING INC., DBA LINCOLN RACE COURSE

Beveridge moved, seconded by Lee to approve the request to change live race dates from September 6, 7 and 8, 2019 to November 9, 2019 with a 2:00 pm post time for live races on November 9, 2019 (two races). Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen and Patterson. Motion carried.

Commissioner Feller joined the meeting at 2:16 pm.

DICKEY MARTINEZ – Mr. Martinez contacted the Racing Commission Office and requested a continuance. Galyen moved, seconded by Beveridge to appoint Robert Pollock as the hearing officer. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen, Feller and Patterson. Motion carried.

FONNER PARK'S REQUEST TO HAVE A NEW FORM OF WAGERING APPROVED – HISTORIC HORSE RACING COMMISSION DECISION

All exhibits were presented and accepted. Chm. Lee moved, seconded by Feller to approve the following: That the historic horse racing proposal submitted by Fonner Park in regard to the PariMax System be approved, that the Commission consider, if necessary, adopting rules to support the historic horse racing implementation and if the motion is approved that the Commission issue a formal written order with findings of fact, conclusions of law and the final order within 21 to 25 days. Voting aye: Lee, Galyen, Feller. Voting Nay: Beveridge and Patterson. Motion carried.

APPOINT HEARING OFFICER(S) REGARDING BOSSELMAN HANDICAP POSITIVE TEST

Beveridge moved, seconded by Feller to approve Robert Pollock as the hearing officer regarding the Bosselman handicap positive test. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen, Feller and Patterson. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY CONTRACTED SALARY INCREASE

Chm. Lee moved, seconded by Galyen to approve a 5% increase for the Executive Secretary, Tom Sage. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen, Feller and Patterson. Motion carried.

MEETINGS WITH ASSOCIATIONS

- a. Nebraska Thoroughbred Breeders' Association – None
- b. NE Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association - Hall of Fame will be reconsidered. Thoughts were expressed on historic horse racing and the effects on racing licenses. Signatures are being collected for a constitutional amendment.

ADJOURNMENT

Chm. Lee moved, seconded by Beveridge to adjourn the meeting at 2:50 pm. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen, Feller and Patterson. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Sage
Executive Secretary